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The Montminy name and the Massachusetts College of Optometry have been associated for three generations and it is evident that the association can be expected to continue for generations to come.

On June 23rd, 1964 a link in the chain was broken with the death of Dr. Joseph F. Montminy, O.D., D.O.S., President-Emeritus from 1962 until his death, President of the College, 1951 to 1962. Dr. Montminy was one of the incorporators of the College and before his selection as President was a member of the Board of Trustees since 1946. Dr. Montminy served not only the College and its students during his years as an officer of the College but he served his community and the public in general as a state senator and as chairman of the committee on public health. He served his profession in helping to pass legislation prohibiting the corporate practice of optometry in the State. A link was broken but the chain holds firm.

THE COLLEGE CURRENT

Contrary to popular belief the College and its administrative staff is not like a big brown bear taking a six month hibernation nap during the stifling summer days. There are a million and one details that must be attended to in preparation for the entrance of the incoming new students as well as the day to day routine operation of the College. In addition, a class of twenty-eight graduate students taking the Program of Study in Advanced Optometry helps maintain an atmosphere of constructive activity in what would otherwise be silent classrooms. Several alumni of the College, including Drs. Marshall Mark, Hyman Kamens, Donald Korb, Louis Annapolle, Robert Bannon, Bernard Berstein, Lawrence MacDonald, comprised the faculty teaching the Advanced Program. Besides activity in the area of academics work on the physical structure of the College was undertaken in the form of major repairs to the outside fire-escapes and a revamping of the heating system. Several rooms received fresh coats of paint, and, of course, the college buildings received a thorough polishing in anticipation of the entering new students.

With a great meshing of gears the new academic year was ushered in on September 15 with the registration of the Class of '65 and on subsequent days of the other three classes, '66, '67 and '68. Total enrollment this year is only one less than last year's enrollment of 128 students in the following break-down: First Year-22; Second Year-50; Third Year-31; Fourth Year-23. Of the 44 entering new students exactly one-half were admitted as advanced second year students and one-half were admitted as First Year students. The significance of these figures is the steady upgrading of student material due to the fact that many of the advanced students already are in possession of degrees and come from some of the better known of the nation's liberal arts colleges.

Among the entering Freshmen were two girls, one a native of Massachusetts the other the daughter of an optometrist-mother and who resides in Detroit, Michigan.

M.C.O. thereby retains its pampered female population of two having only recently graduated one girl and lost one through a change of interest.

From a viewpoint of regional breakdown it is plainly evident that the majority of our students come from the northeast with the two major contributors being Massachusetts and New York. The New England states all contribute several students. Other states represented are Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Ohio, Virginia, Maryland, Michigan, Nebraska, Wyoming, and Colorado. Foreign countries are represented by one student from Guatemala and one student from Barbados in the West Indies.

To welcome the new students to the College the second annual New Student Reception was held at the College on Thursday, October 1st. Refreshments were served, students had an opportunity to meet with faculty members on an informal basis and as a special attraction a New England premiere of the new AOA vocational film "Optometry - A Career With Vision".

Response to the request for copies of Southalls "Mirrors, Prisms and Lenses" was extremely generous and once again we would like to thank all who were able to make the book available. While on the subject of the Library we have another request for a very rare book which is of course no longer in print and is badly needed for our shelves. The book is entitled "Prescribing Spectacle Lenses" and is authored by Arthur Percival. Any and all contributions of this scarce volume will be gratefully received and acknowledged.

As a living memorial to Dr. Samuel E. Alperen an outstanding alumnus of the College who unexpectedly passed away last June 23rd, the Samuel E. Alperen Memorial Library Fund has been established by several of Dr. Alperen's friends and gifts are now being received at the College. Monetary acknowledgements should be addressed to the Samuel E. Alperen Memorial Library Fund in care of the College, 178 Newbury Street, Boston, Mass. All monies received will be directed to the purchase of books for the College Library.

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Dear Fellow Alumni:

As you know, your association has been striving to prepare a new series of public relations, professional relations and educational programs. Our efforts in the past have been successful only because of the entire support of the Alumni.

We need your continued support in order to make these newer and improved projects result in complete success.

At the same time, it is necessary to point out that we have a number of worthy and needy students who look to our Alumni for scholarship assistance.

If you have already paid your dues and given a donation to the scholarship fund since our March meeting please ignore this request. The fiscal year of the Alumni Association starts on the opening date of the New England Council of Optometrists Congress in March. If you have not yet contributed we urgently solicit your help.

Fraternally yours,

Frank Kozol, O.D.
Treasurer

DATE: November 18, 1964

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

Place: Massachusetts College of Optometry

Event: Regular Fall Educational Meeting of the M.C.O. Alumni Association.



Philip E. Friedman, O.D.

We are proud to announce that Philip E. Friedman, B.A., B.S., and O.D. has consented to address the members of our Association.

Dr. Friedman, who is in charge of Corrective Optometry at the Clinic, will speak about some of the more recent work in this field and about his work at the Clinic. This will be the first opportunity for many of the Alumni members to meet with Dr. Friedman and to hear about the innovations that are taking place at YOUR college.

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by Don Horley

One of the highlights of the MCO graduation program each year is the awarding of the Alumni Association plaque. This is awarded to the outstanding graduate based on academic, curricular, and extra curricular effort and achievements. The recipient in the Class of 1964, as selected by the Faculty Committee appointed for this purpose, was Miss Ann Kazmierski. As a member of the faculty and as President of the Alumni Association I agree with the Committee's choice--it was a logical and expected one. Her attractive appearance, high academic standing, pleasant friendly approach, and willingness to help beyond the call of duty made the presenting of this award to Ann a genuine pleasure. I hope that the future graduating classes can boast of so fine a recipient.

At the AOA Annual Convention held in July in New York your Alumni Association held its first Annual Convention luncheon. Attendance was fair and it is expected as the years go by and this affair is given more publicity that it will be one of the highlights of the AOA meeting for MCO alumni. The meeting was presided over by your President. The principal speaker was Dean Green who spoke at some length regarding collegiate activities and future plans. Murray Pachman was presented a plaque for his outstanding efforts and accomplishments for the Alumni Association --this plaque was presented by Mel Dunbar representing optometry in general and the Alumni Association in particular. Murray was obviously surprised and grateful for

the award--it couldn't happen to a more deserving guy.

It is the plan of the Alumni Association to publish three "ALUMNI BULLETINS" each year--Fall, Winter, and Spring. At first it seemed that it would be difficult to find sufficient material to fill these many pages but it is surprising how much information and material is available.

Your Alumni Association is now working more actively, and in more areas than it ever has heretofore. Several of these activities incur some expense: two scholarships available annually for undergraduate purposes--student loan fund available to undergraduates--three "ALUMNI BULLETINS" each year including cost of printing and mailing--cost of the annual luncheon in March at the Congress--annual Alumni Association award.

The leadership, officers, directors, advisers are all voluntary. All of these men serve, attend meetings and have certain personal expenses involved with this activity for which they never submit a bill.

I urge every member of the Alumni Association to mail his \$5.00, or \$10.00, or \$15.00 dues now and every year so that your Alumni Association may grow and have more meaning for you, our College, and our profession. At our annual meeting a complete financial report is given the membership. I don't see how through the years your Alumni Association has been able to perform so many duties with such a modest amount of income and I urge that each of us put our individual dues to work immediately.



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